



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MINUTES

MONDAY

APRIL 7, 2014

7:00 P.M.

Note: These minutes are action minutes only recording motions and votes. Video tapes of all meetings are available for review at the Town Office.

Attending:

***Mayor Carol Duprey
Councilor David Ryder
Councilor Jean Lawlis
Councilor Greg Sirois
Town Clerk Denise Hodsdon
Dean Bennett, Econ. Dev. Dir.
Media representatives***

***Councilor William Shakespeare
Councilor Tom Brann
Councilor Ivan McPike
Town Manager Susan Lessard
Town Attorney Tom Russell
Residents***

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Duprey.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Duprey asked all to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – The consent agenda was accepted without objection.

1. SIGNATURES

2. SECRETARY'S REPORTS

3. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Victualer's License Renewals:

- 1. Pizza Gourmet***
- 2. McK's Variety***
- 3. Best Western White House Inn Filibuster Lounge***
- 4. Armstrong Tennis Center***
- 5. McLaughlin's at the Marina***

b. Mayor Duprey/Councilor Brann – Pledge of Allegiance

c. Emails received re Pledge of Allegiance

4. REPORTS

a. Rapid Renewal Reports – January, February & March 2014

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Jim Folsom, 43 Highland Ridge, addressed the Council about projects related to the History of Hampden.

C. POLICY AGENDA

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS – ***None.***
2. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS – ***None.***
3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilor Shakespeare – ***This item was for discussion only. Public comments were made by Ray Lupo, 10 Patterson Street, Jeffrey King, 54 Summer Street, Kristen Hornbrook, Main Trail, James Davitt, Summer Street, Ronald Renfret, State VFW Commander. Councilor Shakespeare and Mayor Duprey also voiced opinions in regard to this issue. No action was taken.***
 - b. Citizen Petitions – Charter & Ordinances & Legal Issues – Councilor Brann – ***Motion by Councilor Brann, seconded by Councilor Shakespeare to ask the Town Manager to authorize the Town Attorney to prepare a guide for citizen petitions that will be compliant with state law. Vote 3-4. (Councilors Shakespeare, Brann and Lawlis in favor and Mayor Duprey and Councilors Sirois, McPike, and Ryder opposed). Motion failed. The Town Attorney has prepared an opinion that indicates that the Town Charter is not consistent with State Law in regard to how the petition process works for charter amendments. Councilor Sirois referred this topic to the Finance & Administration Committee for further work.***
 - c. Codification of Ordinances & Charter – Councilor Brann – ***After considerable discussion over the need for codification of ordinances and the cost for this process, there was a motion by Councilor Brann, seconded by Councilor Shakespeare to refer this to Finance to begin the RFP process for codification of ordinances. Vote 5-2 (Councilors Shakespeare, Brann, McPike, Sirois and Lawlis in favor and Mayor Duprey and Councilor Ryder opposed.) Motion carried.***
 - d. Council Rules Change – Adding Agenda Heading for “News, Presentations, & Awards” – Mayor Duprey – ***Motion by Councilor Lawlis, seconded by Councilor Sirois to add an agenda heading for “News, Presentations, & Awards” to the Council Rules for Council agendas. Vote 5-2. (Mayor Duprey and Councilors Sirois, Lawlis, Shakespeare, and McPike in favor and Councilors Brann and Ryder opposed.) Motion carried.***
 - e. Bid Results – Riverfront Park – Recommendations of Planning & Development and Finance & Administration Committees – ***Motion by Councilor McPike, seconded by Councilor Brann to award the Riverfront park contract to Maine Earth in the amount of \$248,985***

with \$232,383 to come from the Chevron grant and the remainder to come from Host Community Benefit. Unanimous vote in favor.

- f. Easement to Hampden Water District – Marina Property – **Motion by Councilor Brann, seconded by Councilor Ryder to grant the easement to the Hampden Water District for the water line and hydrant that were part of the land swap of the Marina property. Unanimous vote in favor.**
- g. Sargent Development Agreement – Hampden Business Park – Planning & Development Committee Recommendation – **Motion by Councilor Brann, seconded by Councilor Lawlis to discuss items C-3-g and C-3-h together. Unanimous vote in favor. Attorney Russell advised that once the ordinance in item C-3-h is adopted, it approves the agreement in item C-3-g. Councilor Brann introduced item C-3-h “Ordinance Authorizing the Conveyance of Land Owned by the Town of Hampden – Hampden Business Park/Sargent Corporation” for public hearing. Councilor Lawlis requested that the original RFP, the RFP response, and the agreement be included in the information for the public hearing.**
- h. Ordinance Authorizing Conveyance of Land Owned by the Town of Hampden – Hampden Business Park/Sargent Corporation – Introduction for Public Hearing
- i. Goals & Objectives – Reschedule Meeting – **The Goals & Objectives meeting will be held on April 15 at 6 p.m. for budget priorities.**

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Fees Ordinance Amendment – Recreation Fees – Finance Committee Recommendation & Introduction for Public Hearing – **Councilor Brann introduced the Fees Ordinance Amendment for Recreation Fees for public hearing.**
- b. Pool Entrance Roof Replacement – Infrastructure Committee Recommendation - **Motion by Councilor Brann, seconded by Councilor Lawlis to solicit bids for a metal roof for the pitched roof at the pool. Unanimous vote in favor. Public Comment was received on this item from resident Ray Lupo.**
- c. Ballfield/Cemetery/Parks Mowing & Maintenance – Infrastructure Committee Recommendation – **Motion by Councilor Brann, seconded by Councilor McPike to go out to bid for cemetery mowing for a three year period. Unanimous vote in favor. Public comment was received on this item from resident Ray Lupo.**
- d. Acceptance of Maine Forest Service Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant – Finance Committee Recommendation – **Motion by Councilor Brann,**

seconded by Councilor Lawlis to accept the Maine Forest Service Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant, with the Town's 50% share of \$3,646.80 to come from Matching Grants Reserve for the purpose of acquiring appropriate gear/clothing for brush fire/wildfire conditions. Unanimous vote in favor. Public comment on this item was received from resident Terry McAvoy.

- e. ***Alewives Fishing Rights – Motion by Councilor Brann, seconded by Councilor Ryder to retain fishing rights for alewives in the Souadabscook. Unanimous vote in favor.***

- D. ***COMMITTEE REPORTS – Councilor Lawlis reported that the Services Committee would be discussing the quarterly report of Skehan Center expenses at the next meeting. Finance & Administration approved minutes and warrants, bid results for Riverfront Park, the fees ordinance and the Maine Forest Service Grant.***
- E. ***MANAGER'S REPORT – The Manager's Report is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.***
- F. ***COUNCILORS' COMMENTS – Councilor Brann stated that Council Rules have not been updated on the website, that effort needs to be put into re-establishing the Conservation Commission. Councilor Lawlis reported on various Children's Day fundraisers that were ongoing. Councilor Shakespeare stated that he hoped that he did not have to request that a police officer be at any council meetings in the future. Mayor Duprey stated that all debate should be done in a respectful manner and that all ideas are worthy of discussion and the council needs to get past pettiness.***
- G. ***ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.***



Denise Hodsdon
Town Clerk

MANAGER'S REPORT

April 7, 2014

Another POSITIVE Recognition for Hampden!

A national real estate blog named Movato has named Hampden as the 8th best community in Maine in which to live. It is noteworthy that Hampden is the only community in the central Maine area to make the top ten. This is the third time in as many months that the Town of Hampden has been recognized as a quality place to live. So far we are first in communities in Maine in which to raise a family, in the top six places in Maine in which to live according to DownEast Magazine, and now the 8th best community in the state by Movato based on a wide range of criteria from crime rate to household income to housing values. There is much to be proud of here in Hampden, and it is important to remember that it has taken the efforts of all for the community to attain those rankings. The community has worked hard to maintain good infrastructure and great public services from outstanding police, fire, and EMS to a wide range of recreational opportunities. Our mil rate is one of the lowest in the region for communities with a full range of public services. We have a strong core of businesses in the community who have prospered here – and others are looking to join them. RSU 22 provides exceptional education for our children and continues to be a major economic development tool for the community. The underpinning of all of this is that Hampden is home to many many wonderful people. I consider myself blessed on a daily basis for the ability to work for and live in this community.

Tax Due Date Results – I am very pleased to report that as of today, 93% of the 2013/14 real estate taxes have been paid. That is an exceptional collection percentage less than one week after the second half of taxes were due.

School Board Meeting Videotaping – I have made arrangements for the taping of the School Board Budget meeting on Wednesday, April 9th.

Stream Clean Up – Saturday, May 3, 2014 will be the annual stream/roadside cleanup in Hampden. Interested volunteers should meet at the Community Room of the Town Office at 9 a.m. This will be the tenth year that the Town has participated in this regional clean-up program coordinated by the Bangor Area Storm Water Group. There will be a barbecue for volunteers at noon at the Town Office following the cleanup. There are opportunities for all ages, but it is necessary for younger children to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more information – contact Town Planner Robert Osborne at 862-4500 or email planner@hampdenmaine.gov

Transfer Station Change - A reminder that starting on Friday, April 11th, the construction demo/wood/metal collection weekend schedule will include Fridays. These weekends remain the second and fourth weekends of each month.